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SENATOR KELLY: What is the doctor? What's the definition of a doctor?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Well, anyonea. you like to ask sticky questions don't you? Anyone that is versed of healing arts, I would say. I don't know what you want to call them.

SENATOR KELLY: Somebody practicing the healing arts.

SENATOR MOYLAN: Well, I imagine that would be the original definition of them, in historical times. I don't know if there is any modern definition of a doctor or not.

SENATOR KELLY: Is there any location for the selection of the doctor?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Just what do you mean by that question, Senator?

SENATOR KELLY: If I'm injured in Scottsbluff, can I go to my doctor in Denver?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Well, I see no reason why you couldn't. That's not too far away from Scottsbluff. And maybe that's where the best doctor is, and if you have a doctor that you have confidence in, you no doubt will recover from any injury faster than if you have to go to a doctor that you don't know and don't have confidence in, possibly.

SENATOR KELLY: And when do I have to go to that doctor in Denver?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Well, when you are injured, when you need him.

SENATOR KELLY: Thank you very much, Senator.

PRESIDENT: Senator Keyes.

SENATOR KEYES: Well, Mr. President, I've talked very few times this year. But I will....no applause.... but I will say this that I have been injured on the job and went to the Para Clinic in Omaha, which is a very nice Clinic. But why I should drive from Springfield to the Para Clinic in Omaha, when all I needed was my sore unbandaged and treated again. Why you would compel me to do that, I don't know. Now I don't know how far it is from Scottsbluff to Denver, but if a man is in Denver and was hurt on the job in Scottsbluff, and was back home in Denver, I don't think he would want to travel to Scottsbluff to see the company doctor, and then go back home again. So this is one of the things that we absolutely should be no opposition to. We need it. It's one of the finest things that could happen to a patient who gets hurt and doesn't happen to live closer to the doctor that the company chooses, than where he happens to live himself, Thank you.

PRESIDENT: Senator Moylan, do you care to close?

SENATOR MOYLAN: Mr. President and members of the Legislature. I repeat again, my only reason for putting this bill in is for humanitarian reasons. That anyone I think, I think most of us probably have a doctor, a family doctor that we go to. And I still feel that anyone will recover more rapidly than probably get back to work quicker if they are allowed to go to their own family doctor on any injury, rather than take some doctor that is appointed to them. I hope you will vote to raise this bill.